

Traffic Committee
MINUTES
April 21, 2015

Committee Members

Present:

Chairman Susan Ruinen, Vice-Chair Clyde Smith, Secretary Karen Hanner, Mark Churchill, Bob Ferrell, Rosemary Wilson, Pat Melton, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, Police Major Matt Davis Lexington County Public Works Engineer Jeff McNesby, Parks, Streets and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Planning Commission Liaison Frank Berry

Attending:

Councilmember Ron Williams, Town Administrator Britt Poole, Economic Development Catalyst Johnny Jeffcoat, Planning, Building and Technology Director John Hanson, Chief of Police Terrence Green

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 AM in the Third Floor Conference Room by Chair Susan Ruinen.

March Minutes:

Chairman Ruinen asked if there were any corrections or comments regarding the March 2015 minutes. Bob Ferrell made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Rosemary Wilson seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

InSync Signal:

Transportation Director Randy Edwards told the committee that the InSync contract was awarded to German Technology and a construction meeting was held. Survey stakes and utility marking are underway for mast arm foundations which should begin construction by August.

Vision Plan:

Town Administrator Britt Poole stated the geo-tech design for the trail at the Old Mill is still in the planning stage with all property owners but one signed on and that owner responded favorably. Boardwalks are planned for a higher elevation on the Parker Street section of the trail, the crossing at South Lake Drive and at the dam. Randy Edwards said he could bring the plan sketch for the trail to the next committee meeting.

Mr. Poole added that the Request for Bids on Project Icehouse is posted on the Town website. The closing for the sale of the Shirey's building is expected to be in May. The purchaser has plans for a restaurant on the ground floor and office space on the upper level. Clyde Smith asked about parking availability. Mr. Poole responded the Icehouse plan has 17 parking spaces available for retail plus the additional parking lots planned for the Town property on South Church Street.

Mr. Poole said the Town is working with SCDOT on plans for new signs on US 1 and on SC 6 near Old Cherokee Road. Randy Edwards told the committee about the work being done to create a wayfinding system of signage for the Town which will include an inventory of existing signage to explore possible eliminations.

- Crosswalk at Old Chapin Rd:** There has been no response from the apartment complex regarding the request to build a sidewalk to connect with the SCDOT right of way. Dan Walker will follow-up with the complex to see if they are still processing the request.
- Gibson Rd at South Lake:** Randy Edwards said the warrant study for this intersection is in process. Dan Walker added that there have been a number of accidents at the Middlebrook and Parker Street intersection with South Lake Drive. Susan Ruinen commented that a warrant analysis of both intersections should be done.
- Ellis Avenue:** Britt Poole told the committee that the Town is working with Lexington County and the shopping center property owners of the driveway between the Post Office and Park Road to make improvements. The Town plans to accept the property and rebuild it as a Town road which could be maintained by the County
Randy Edwards added information about the Park Road sidewalk project and the plan to improve the area where it skips at Ellis Avenue.
- N Lake at Roundknob:** There has been no response from SCDOT regarding this intersection.
- US 378 and Ginny Ln:** Randy Edwards stated he sent the data that was collected on the left turns at Ginny Lane and Saluda Pointe Court to SCDOT for study.
- Crosswalk Judicial Center:** Randy Edwards reported that SCDOT had turned down the request for a crosswalk on South Lake Drive at Maiden Lane saying it was too close to the signaled intersection at Main Street. He said the gate is still needed at the midblock sidewalk entrance to Lexington Square to discourage crossings at that location. Dan Walker is looking into adding the gate. Chief Green will contact the Lexington County Sheriff's Department to advise them of SCDOT's decision.

Randy Edwards told the committee that SCDOT indicated approval for the crosswalk at South Church Street and Maiden Lane which will tie into the sidewalk leading to Project Icehouse and the overflow parking lot.
- US 378 at Old Cherokee:** Randy Edwards said SCDOT is looking at this intersection.
- Park Rd No Right on Red:** Randy Edwards informed the committee that SCDOT was studying the intersection at West Main Street and Park Road with plans to install a No Right On Red sign on the westbound right turn lane. Susan Ruinen commented that a different type of sign might be more appropriate at that intersection.

The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at 8:00 AM in the Third Floor Conference Room at the Lexington Municipal Complex, 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, SC.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Dan Walker and second by Randy Edwards with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner,

Approved By:

Susan Ruinen, Chair

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